



Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0162

On 03/02/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:
How many allegations have you received of abuse or neglect taking place at care homes against residents in 2022?
How many of those allegations have resulted in charges? And how many charges have resulted in convictions?
(A care home is defined as any place where personal care and accommodation are provided together.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Crimes are recorded according to the Home Office counting rules, however there are no specific offences for abuse or neglect in a care home.
Following clarification with you, searches have been carried out for substantiated crimes of Assault with Injury and Assault without Injury where the location is listed as a care home during the period of 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022.

This has returned 165 records.

A manual review of the results has then been conducted to identify those where the victim is a resident of a care home and the offender is a staff member.

This has returned 19 records.

A filter has then been applied to the results for the police outcome of Charge/Summons.

This has returned 1 record.

As previously advised, the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary